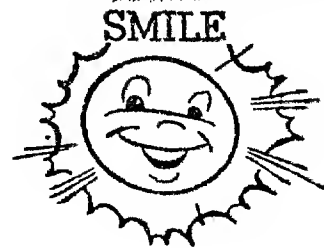


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HIRSH COHEN



SEP 1 1977

Dear Admiral Turner:

If you will please read the enclosed article, you will read that I was a collector of autographs for over 35 years with over 7,000 autographs in my collection.

Well, there has been a change in these figures -- the over 35 years still stands but the 7,000 was changed by a TROPICAL STORM/FLOOD called AGNES. Yes, I was one of the unfortunate people who lost everything in the flood -- possessions, furniture and most of my autograph collection and autographed photographs.

So the purpose of this letter -- nothing more than to ask for your autograph again.

I truly thank you for your time, your understanding, and your courtesy.

Yours sincerely,

  
HIRSH COHEN

P.S. For your convenience, I have enclosed a self-addressed self-stick label for mailing purposes.



From the desk of  
HIRSH COHEN



Please excuse this type of letter -- all I'm trying to do is to rebuild my collection back to pre-flood days by asking everyone to send me their autograph again. Will you

Mechanews

Naval and Defense Activities, Mechanicsburg, Pa.

June 18, 1971

## Personality on Parade

By Phoebe Cullings

### SPCC's Hirsh Cohen

Hirsh Cohen of SPCC's Planning Division, who has been collecting autographs of famous people for the past 35 years, was surprised recently when his request for a certain autograph appeared in "Action Line," in the Philadelphia Inquirer.

Hirsh indicated he needed the autograph of Brigitte Bardot to round out his collection. Straight from Paris, France, "Action Line" got the French pin-up gal to send off her "John Hancock" the same day they called. Now Hirsh can add her name to approximately 7,000 others he has collected since 1936 when Eddie Cantor penned a card to him while he was still in high school. Since then, he has managed to track down scribbles of such folks as Mark Twain, Albert Einstein, George Washington Carver, John Steinbeck, George M. Cohan and H.B. Wells.

He also has autographs of President Nixon, Kennedy, Eisenhower, Hoover, Taft and Cleveland.

Many humorous episodes have occurred in the course of expanding the collection. When Hirsh wrote to Ogden Nash he stated that he had read all of his novels. Nash's reply read: "To Hirsh Cohen from Ogden Nash — who never wrote a novel in his life." Only then did he discover that Nash was a poet and not a novelist.

The hobby was started when Hirsh's interest was stimulated by a friend's collection. His very first autograph was a result of a backstage visit of Eddie Cantor at the Philadelphia Revue 35 years ago. Since then many methods have been employed to acquire new ones including personal contacts, sending for them, receiving donations from people who knew he collected, and "perish the thought," says Hirsh, even buying them.

He has been trying for years to get the autograph of Kate Smith, one of his favorite entertainers. Hirsh hopes through "Action Line" that they can help him obtain Miss Smith's "real" autograph.

Hirsh served three-and-a-half years in the U.S. Army during World War II in the Africa-European Theatre. He entered civilian service in 1951 in SPCC and transferred to the Ordnance Supply Office in 1953 where he was promoted.

During his years in OSO he was a member of the OSO Employees' Council and chairman of the CCWRC. He is presently chairman of Ways and Means Committee, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Naval Supervisors' Association.

Hirsh is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Keshet Israel Congregation and has served as treasurer for the Mortgage Redemption Fund for the Keshet Israel Synagogue.

Other than his autograph collection, his outside interests are bowling, baseball, ping pong, and entertaining friends and tending bar in his recreation room.

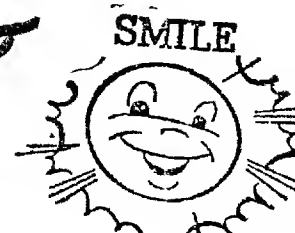
He and his wife, Miriam, celebrated their silver wedding anniversary in March. They have a daughter, Judy.

HIRSH COHEN



TROPICAL STORM/FLOOD "AGNES"

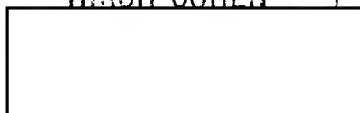
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From the desk of

HIRSH COHEN

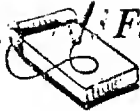
HIRSH COHEN



Sir:

I to work for the NAVY  
DEPARTMENT, for 27 years with  
the U.S. NAVY SHIP PARTS  
CONTROL CENTER in MECHANICS-  
BURG-PA — ENCLOSED IS  
AN SPEC DEAR FOR YOU —

*Yours respectfully,*  
*Shirley*



From the desk of

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and/or <sup>TRUE</sup> autograph photograph  
I thank you  
H. Cohen

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